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OPENING OF CNG OUTLETS IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of CNG outlets opened in Bihar during the last two years and in the current year;

(b) whether the outlets opened so far are still below the target fixed for the purpose; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefore?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS(SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) to (c): At present, no CNG outlets are functioning in Bihar. There is no trunk pipeline carrying natural gas to Bihar. The expansion of CNG infrastructure in different states in the country, including Bihar, is being taken up in a phased manner. Providing of CNG facilities depends upon availability of gas, setting up of necessary infrastructure and economic viability. In order to promote investment from public as well as private sector for laying trunk natural gas pipelines and city/local natural gas distribution networks throughout the country, the Government of India has enacted 'The Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board Act, 2006' and has notified the 'Policy for Development of Natural Gas Pipelines and City or Local Natural Gas Distribution Networks'.